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Railroad Reconstruction Command

1. [REDACTED] the office of the Railroad Reconstruction Command<sup>1</sup> of the North  
Korean Railroad Transportation Ministry was at Hadang-ni (125-43, 39-04)  
(YD-352264). The Railroad Reconstruction Command was headed by PAK I-wan,  
the Minister of Railroad Transportation.<sup>2</sup> [REDACTED]

2. The Railroad Reconstruction Command included the following units: the 1  
Brigade, [REDACTED] at Sinuiju, and the 2 Brigade [REDACTED]

2 Battalion of 2 Brigade

3. [REDACTED] the 2 Battalion, 2 Brigade of the Railroad Reconstruction Command  
numbered 1,211 men and was quartered in 30 village houses in Yondae-ri  
(128-50, 40-28) (DV-864797). It was engaged in reconstructing tracks and  
bridges damaged by United Nations planes.

4. [REDACTED]

5. The 2 Battalion was commanded by Lieutenant Colonel KIM Kap-chung  
[REDACTED]

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6. The administrative organization of the 2 Battalion included the following specialists under the command of the technical deputy battalion commander, who held the rank of major: a leader of machine operations, a chief designer, a bridge construction engineer, and a materials custody officer.
7. The 2 Battalion was composed of four companies, each numbering 241 men. The 1 Company was at Su'tang-gol (128-44, 40-21) (DV-775663), and the 3 Company was at Haripsong-ni (128-31, 40-12) (DV-589499). The battalion headquarters numbered 35 men.

8. [redacted] 900 tons of rails, made in the iron works at Ch'ongjin, were transported by night for the use of the 2 Battalion in the reconstruction of the Kyongwon line, Seoul to Wonsan; the P'yongwon line, P'yongyang to Wonsan; and the Hamgyong line, 50X1-HUM
9. The working hours of the 2 Battalion were 8 p.m. to 2 p.m. (sic). Privates received 50 won per month; privates first class, 100 won per month; and senior lieutenants, 2,500 won per month. Officers were paid a war-time allowance of 1,000 won per month in addition to their regular monthly salary.

#### History of the Railroad Reconstruction Command

10. [redacted] the Railroad Reconstruction Command Department was established in the Transportation Ministry of the North Korean Government. At the same time, five regiments were formed and put under the Railroad Reconstruction Command Department. The regiments [redacted] had a combined strength of 20,000 men. The regiments were formed from the following elements: the Chinese Communist army railroad logistical command at Sinuiju; North Koreans who had evaded conscription; ROK prisoners of war; and laborers who had been compulsorily mobilized for work at the Ch'olsan monazite mines. 50X1-HUM
11. [redacted] the five regiments began reconstructing tracks and bridges on the Kyongui line, Seoul to Sinuiju, and the Manp'o line, P'yongyang to Manp'ojin. 50X1-HUM
12. [redacted] the two regiments [redacted] left the Hwanghae-do area and went to Songjin city, South Hamgyong, where they took charge of track and bridge reconstruction on the east coast. 50X1-HUM
13. The Transportation Ministry was renamed the Railroad Ministry [redacted] and the Railroad Reconstruction Command Department was renamed the Railroad Reconstruction Command [redacted]. The five regiments under the command of the Railroad Reconstruction Command were combined to form two brigades. The 1 Railroad Reconstruction Brigade was formed from the regiments [redacted]. It established headquarters at Sinuiju. The 2 Railroad Reconstruction Brigade [redacted] established headquarters at Hamhung. 50X1-HUM

#### Railroad Service Corps

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14. [redacted] the headquarters of the North Korean Railroad Service Corps was near Taet'aryong-ni (125-43, 39-02) (YD-3524). The service corps, composed of the 1, 2, and 3 Service Brigades, was commanded by Lieutenant General KWON Tae-il. The 166 Signal Battalion, numbering 200 men, under the 1 Service Brigade, was near P'yongyang. 50X1-HUM

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1. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] a three-division rail brigade [redacted] 50X1-HUM  
was organized [redacted] by the North Korean Ministry of Transportation  
to repair rail lines. [redacted]

2. [redacted] Comment. There have been conflicting reports on the status of the 50X1-HUM  
Ministry of Transportation; [redacted]  
[redacted] which is after the supposed change reported here, do not mention 50X1-HUM  
a Ministry of Railroad Transportation, and refer merely to the Ministry  
of Transportation. [redacted]

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Chinese Communist army guards were posted approximately  
2 kilometers apart along the P'yongyang-Sariwon highway.

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